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Premarket Notification - Vertebral Spacer *Ti*

### 3.0 Summary of Safety and Effectiveness Information

SPONSOR: Synthes Spine Company, L. P.  
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Contact: Jonathan Gilbert

DEVICE NAME: Synthes Vertebral Spacer *Ti*

CLASSIFICATION: Per CFR 21, §888.3060: Implant, fixation, spinal intervertebral body fixation orthosis devices. Class II.  
Product code is MQP. The Panel code is 87.

PREDICATE DEVICE: Vertebral body replacement device:  
Synthes SynMesh System: K003275  
SE date: April 23, 2001.

DEVICE DESCRIPTION: The Vertebral Spacer *Ti* is a titanium vertebral body replacement device used in conjunction with supplemental internal fixation to provide structural stability in skeletally mature individuals following corpectomy or vertebrectomy and consists of:

- vertebral body replacement devices comprised of a variety of fixed heights and cross-sections.
- supplemental fixation currently cleared for use in treating patients for tumor, trauma or fractures of the vertebral body and
- manual surgical instrumentation used to prepare the anatomy and implant the Vertebral Spacer *Ti*.

There are no unique surgical instruments required for implantation of the submitted device system.

INTENDED USE: The Vertebral Spacer *Ti* is a vertebral body replacement device intended for use in the thoracolumbar spine (T1-L5) to replace a collapsed, damaged, or unstable vertebral body due to tumor or trauma (i.e., fracture). The *Ti* Spacer System is intended to be used with Synthes supplemental internal fixation systems, e.g., ATLP, VestroFix, USS and Small Stature USS. The interior of the spacer component of the Vertebral Spacer *Ti* can be packed with bone.

The Vertebral Spacer *Ti* is designed to provide anterior spinal column support even in the absence of fusion for a prolonged period.

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| MATERIAL:                         | All components of the Vertebral Spacer <i>Ti</i> are manufactured from commercially pure titanium (ASTM F67) or titanium alloy Ti6Al7Nb (ASTM F1295).   |
| PERFORMANCE DATA:                 | Mechanical testing in accordance with the "Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff, Guidance for Spinal System 510(k)s", September 27, 2000 was presented.  |
| BASIS OF SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCE: | The Vertebral Spacer <i>Ti</i> implants are similar to the predicate Synthes SynMesh vertebral body replacement device(s), (K003275) with respect to technical characteristics and performance. The supplemental fixation devices intended for use with the Vertebral Spacer <i>Ti</i> implants are currently cleared for use in patients with either tumor, trauma or fractures. |



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Re: K020152  
Trade Name: Vertebral Spacer *Ti*  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 888.3060  
Regulation Name: Vertebral Body Replacement  
Regulatory Class: II  
Product Code: MQP  
Dated: January 16, 2002  
Received: January 17, 2002

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Premarket Approval), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the current Good Manufacturing Practice requirement, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic (QS) inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

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This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4659. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or at (301) 443-6597, or at its Internet address "<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,

*for Mark H. Witten*

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Enclosure

**2.0 Indications for Use Statement**

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Device Name: Synthes Vertebral Spacer Ti

**Indications:**

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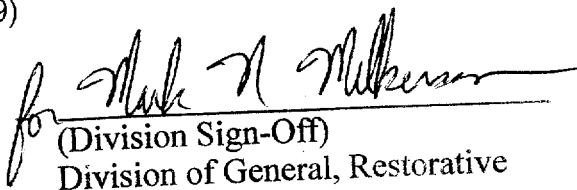
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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use 8 OR Over-The-Counter Use \_\_\_\_\_  
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

  
(Division Sign-Off)  
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